State Prison Office,

Wisconsin
Waupun, Feby 24th 1858

Friend Garrison,

Excuse my familiarity but I have read your paper so long that, although I do not agree with you in all things, I feel confident you would be my friend were we personally acquainted.

I have been a subscriber to your paper for some time, and have been some time in debt for it, and, strange as it may appear to you, I was absolutely unable to pay that small sum. The honest way, I suppose would have been to have written you the truth at the expiration of my time and have it stopped, but I was eager to read the paper, and was always in hopes of being able soon to pay for it and to let it run on.

When I signed for it I lived in Sheboygan, in this State, from where it has been remailed to me since

my removal here on the first of January last. I was elected State Prison Commissioner at the last general State election, which office I am now attending to.

Your paper is papered into the prison, with other papers, for the use of the prisoners as soon as I read it, and as the men are at this hour out of their cells at work, I cannot procure one without some trouble and having forgotten the financial agents name, I take the liberty of writing to you and asking the favor of you of handing the enclosed money ($7,00) to him for the following purposes - viz. The $2,00 note is for John Elmore. He wants it placed to his credit on your books and the Liberator sent to him till that amount is exhausted.

I, on my part would like to have a receipt sent back, either to me or him.

The $5,00 bill is mine out of which I want my indebtedness taken and the balance placed to my credit

and the Liberator sent to me at this place- Address John Elmore, also, at this place-

I am in hopes I can get you some more names here, when I get time to try for, although we are no further advanced in anti-slavery than the Republican platform, but are Republicans of the most radical stripe. You may keep at that as far as I am concerned, when I tell you that the most obnoxious I received during the election campaign was for circulating the call for the disunion convention at Cleveland- I lost a good many soft shelled Republican votes by that-

Yours Respectfully

Edw. M. MacGrew

P.S. After all, I must be honest enough to confess that one object in writing to you direct is the hope of receiving a letter from Wm Lloyd Garrison.

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